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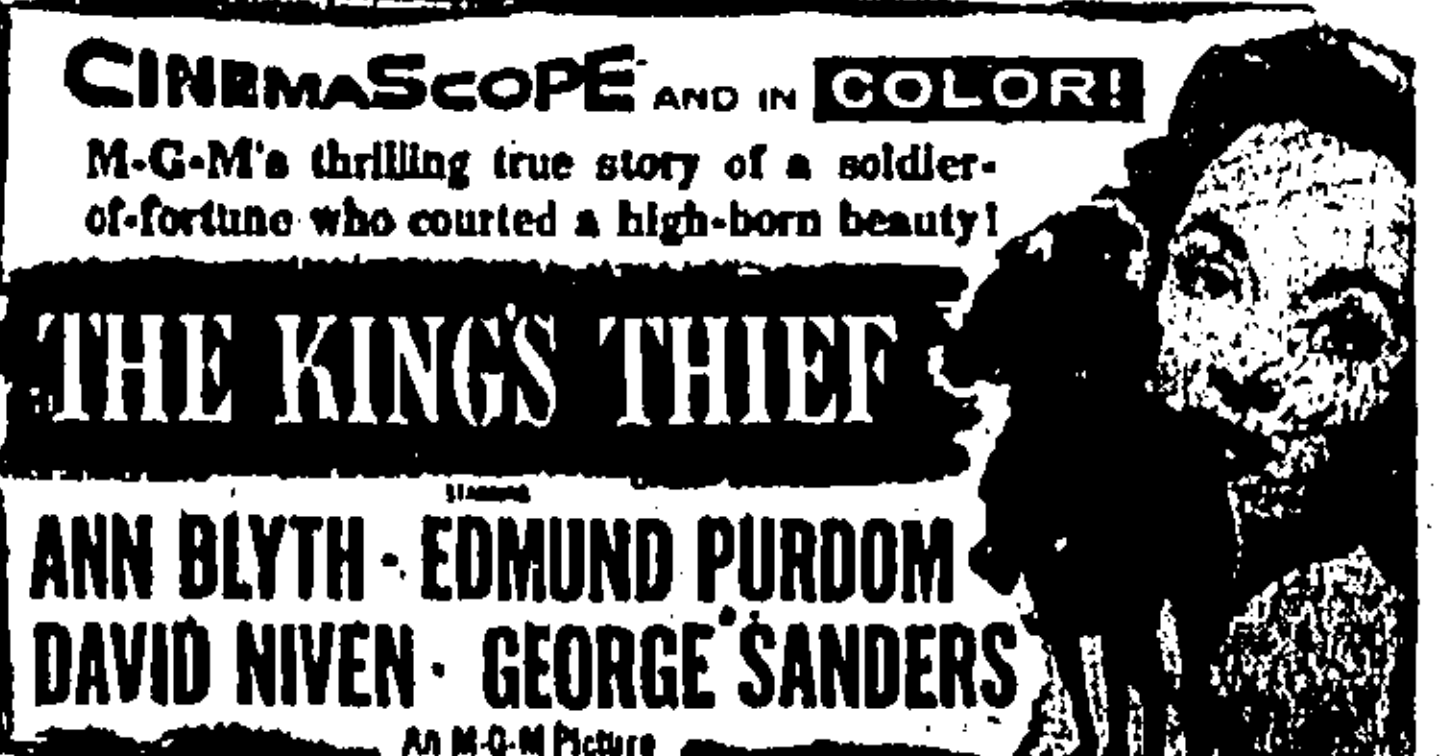
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2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.40 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30
"GASLIGHT" Ingrid Bergman Charles Boyer
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TOMORROW WEDNESDAY

At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
"MEN OF THE FIGHTING LADY" Van Johnson Walter Pidgeon
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FINAL TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
A CHINESE MANDARIN PICTURE
"BLOOD WILL TELL"
In Eastman Color
Starring: LI LI-HWA • WONG YIN
NEXT CHANGE



WESTERN BIG THREE DISCUSS ISRAELI ARMY AGGRESSION

United Nations, Dec. 19.
The Western Big Three held informal consultations today on Syria's complaint against Israeli aggression near the Sea of Galilee.

A resolution expressing condemnation of Israel's attack was discussed in general form today. Informed sources said the final draft would depend on the contents of the report expected here tomorrow from the United Nations Palestine truce chief, Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns.

Ten Terrorists Routed

Singapore, Dec. 19.
When it isn't Communist terrorists, it's elephants, and Mr. T. Mendelsohn of St Ives, Cornwall, at present manager of the Consolidated Eastern Plantations Estate in terrorist-infested Johore is getting a bit fed up about it. Special Constable Osman, who guards the estate, agrees. Osman is in hospital after being shot through the leg by a terrorist. He heard a noise outside the perimeter wire and thought it was an elephant. He withheld his fire and a Communist terrorist shot. So far this year there have been 20 raids by elephants on the estate, and about 10 by Communists. Early today there was another raid. This time the Malay Special Constables did not wait to find out who was breaking through the wire. They opened up and routed a gang of ten Communist bandits, wounding one in the shoulder.—China Mail Special.

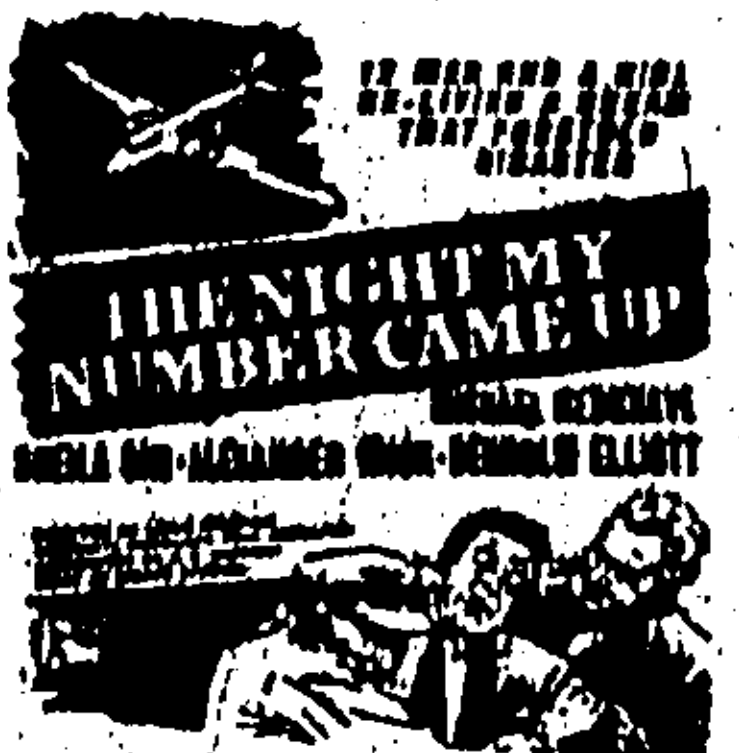
Pakistan Not Protesting To Russia

Karachi, Dec. 19.
Although Pakistan has no intention of officially protesting Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's support of Afghanistan in the Pakistunist dispute, his remarks were "an unfriendly act," a Foreign Office spokesman said today. Afghanistan has been demanding that an independent state of Pakistunist be set up to embrace a portion of Pakistan's northwest frontier territory. "If Marshal Bulganin was referring to the frontier areas of Pakistan," the spokesman said, "then he is meddling about with our internal affairs, which he has no business to do. There's no such thing as Pakistunist and neither is there any dispute."

The spokesman charged that "increasing Russian economic penetration" of Afghanistan had altered that country's traditional position of neutrality between its neighbors to the north and south.—United Press

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TODAY
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



There appeared to be little sentiment in the 11-member Security Council to accede to Syria's demand for expulsion of Israel from the UN or, alternatively, to impose economic sanctions on her because of the attack.

The raid on Syrian Army positions on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee on December 11 cost 49 Syrian lives.

Several Sessions

The Council was expected to meet again on Thursday on the complaint but Western diplomats expressed belief it would take "several" sessions to dispose of the issue.

Western diplomats indicated the gravity with which they view the present case by pointing to the statement made on Friday by the US delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., as "one of the strongest" made here by the US.

Mr. Lodge expressed the "shock" of Americans at hearing of the attack and declared any resort to retaliation or "reprisals" in international disputes. Although 10 of the 11 Council members—Brazil excepted—denounced the Israeli attack, the Council's approach to the question appeared to be affected sharply by the actual situation.

Concern

Diplomats expressed the view that neither of the "extremist" demands of either side would be accepted and that action beyond condemnation of the attack would be unlikely.

News reports from Jordan occupied the attention of Western diplomats today and the possibility that the Jordanian curfew might affect traditional Christmas ceremonies caused concern.—United Press.

10 Algerians Killed In Roundup

Algiers, Dec. 19.
Ten Algerian rebels were killed and 87 suspects arrested during the army and police mopping-up operations in different parts of Algeria today.

Yesterday, five French soldiers were killed, one injured and five reported as missing after a supply convoy fell into a rebel ambush near the mountain village of Yussef in the Bône region.

It was reported that the rebel attacking force—about 100 strong—was repulsed after reinforcements had been rushed to the spot. The rebels left a quantity of arms, ammunition and documents on the field of battle.

Two troopships arrived in Bône during the day, bringing over 1,200 men to reinforce the French security forces in Algeria.—France-Press.

ROYALTY DANCE WITH SERVANTS

London, Dec. 19.
Princess Margaret gave the first dance to a footman, Mr. Cyril Dickinson when the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, attended the Christmas party of the royal household staff at Buckingham Palace tonight.

But the Queen, who usually gives the first dance to one of the royal servants, changed with her husband. The Queen Mother was partnered during the dance—a quickstep—by Mr. Maurice Watts who is the Queen's page.—Reuter.



The zealous prohibition of cameras in the interior of the Al-Azhar Mosque was lifted recently to allow Western photographers to obtain pictures of recently restored Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef during Friday Prayers. The Sultan is shown here at his devotions.—Express Photo.

Harding Meets Local Leaders

Nicosia, Dec. 19.
The Governor of Cyprus, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, today discussed the troubled situation in the colony with local leaders in the north coast town of Kyrenia.

The Greek Cypriot, Mayor of Kyrenia, Charilos Demetriades, told him it would be impossible to restore order until the political issue (the self determination demand) was settled "according to the people's wishes."

The Governor replied that he had two tasks—to find a political settlement acceptable to all sides and the restoration of law and order.

In Nicosia, pupils of three Greek Cypriot secondary schools went on strike today in protest against the use of batons and tear gas against demonstrators at last Saturday's funeral of a leading terrorist—a cousin of Archbishop Makarios.

16 In Hospital

Fifteen people were still in a Nicosia hospital today after the worst outrage yet in the Cyprus disturbances when three bombs were thrown last night into a fashionable bar on the road to the airport.

Two Royal Air Force men were still on the danger list while four other RAF men and four soldiers with slighter injuries were reported comfortable. An English civilian, three Americans and a Greek Cypriot, were stated to be doing well.

In Athens, Greek Foreign Minister Spyros Theodorakis said today he was "surprised" at reports that the United States had exerted pressure on Greece to solve the Cyprus question.

He returned today from Paris where he met US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other Western Foreign Ministers. When asked about press reports of American intervention in the Cyprus question, Mr. Theodorakis said he did not know if the reports came "from those who wish to create additional discussions against the national interest."

Can Emigrate

"The United States, acting a leading and pioneering role in the whole effort of the free world, naturally does not limit itself to the policy of a simple observer," he said.

In London the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anthony Nutting, told the House of Commons that the British Government placed no impediment on Cypriots who wish to go to Greece, provided they have a valid passport.

Mr. Nutting was replying to a Labour member, Mr. George Jeger, who urged the Government to arrange with Greece for the emigration of Cypriots who wished to be under Greek rule.—Reuter and United Press.



QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

TO-DAY — ONE DAY ONLY



OPENS TO-MORROW! Alfred Hitchcock's "SPELLBOUND" Ingrid Bergman — Gregory Peck

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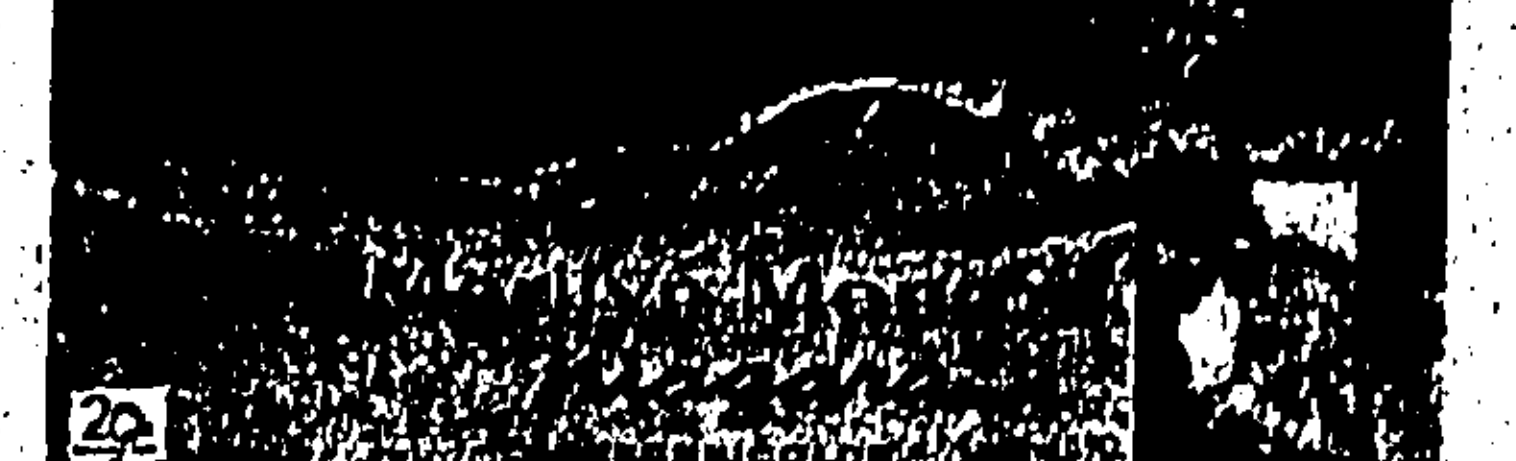
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Commencing To-morrow—CinemaScope in Technicolor
"Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing"



Saudi Arabia Demands Buraimi Oasis Settlement

Travellers Take To Drink

Stockholm, Dec. 19. Uniformed police will travel on trains between North Sweden and Stockholm to halt an increase in drunkenness among passengers, a spokesman of the state railways said here.

He explained that though Swedes were forbidden by law to drink alcohol on trains and drunkenness was severely punished, travellers had taken to providing themselves with "strong liquor" for their journeys since drink rationing was abolished in October 1—China Mail Special.

POUJADISTS ENLIVEN ELECTIONS

Paris, Dec. 19. PIERRE Poujade the anti-tax agitator is enlivening the French general election campaign which has 14 days to go.

"Commando" groups of Poujadists are harassing his political opponents particularly M. Francois Mitterand former Interior Minister who has been bombarded with fruit and vegetables during his speaking tour in Central France.

The Poujadists who have put up candidates in about 60 constituencies have succeeded in breaking up Conservative and later meetings in the Vendee constituency in Western France by cutting off the electric current in meeting halls, blocking entrances and even locking up the candidates to delay their platform appearances.

Beginnings Of Nazism

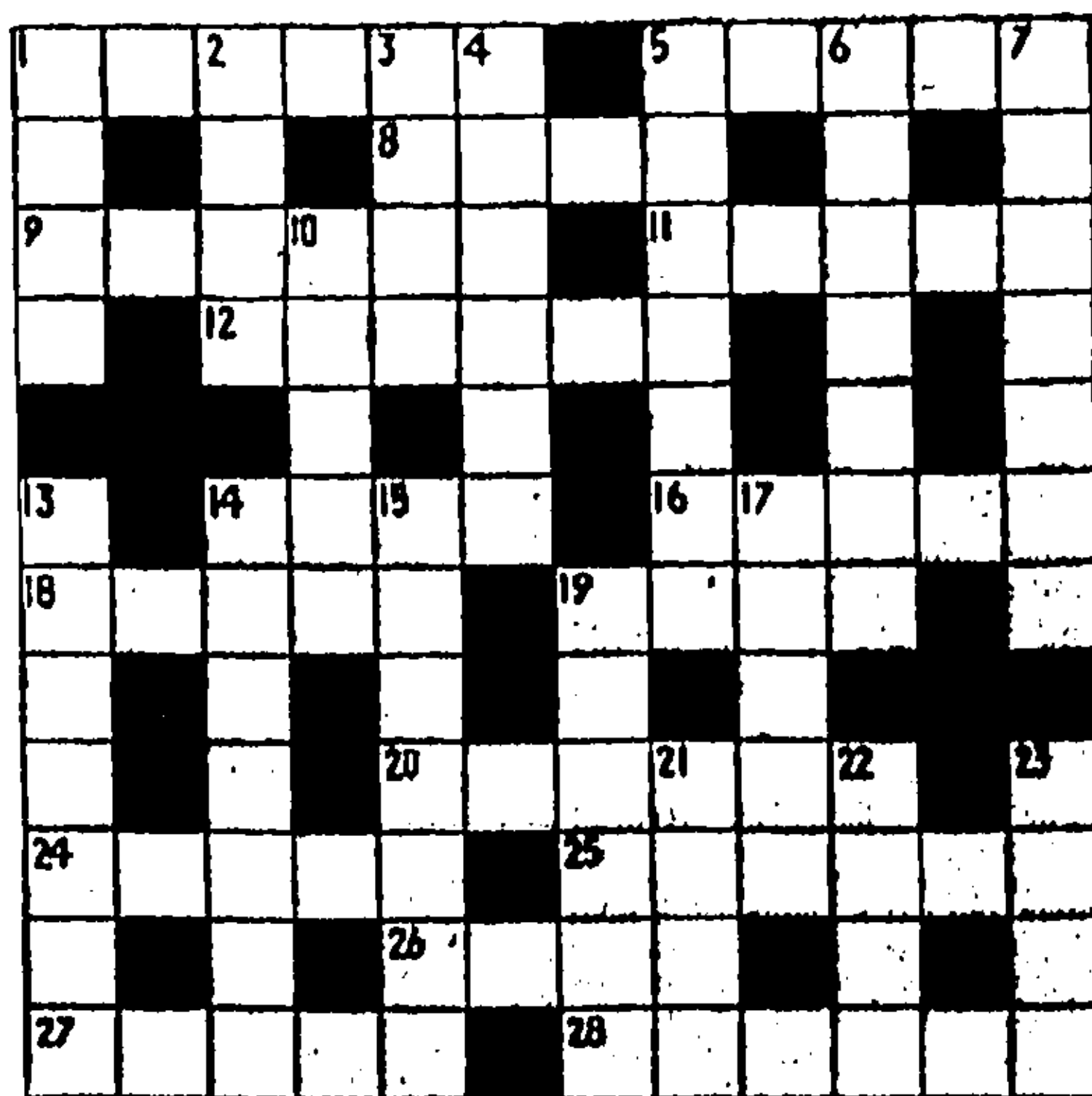
Their tactics caused one French newspaper to suggest that they "recalled unpleasantly the beginnings of Nazism on Germany."

If the election campaign continues to warm up it is thought possible that some parties, including the Socialists, may retaliate against the Poujadists with their own methods.

Pierre Poujade a 34-year-old ex-flight sergeant, who runs a stationery shop, leads the shopkeepers' anti-tax movement.

At a campaign meeting here on Saturday he said the government had been sending tax collectors to see the shopkeepers' books long enough and "now we are going to see their books"—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Safe (6).
- 5 Fundamental (5).
- 8 Half-open (4).
- 9 Pure (6).
- 11 Likeness (5).
- 12 Lucky charm (6).
- 14 Rustling places (4).
- 16 Vegetables (5).
- 18 Residence (5).
- 19 Repair (4).
- 20 In fact (6).
- 24 Caper (5).
- 25 Seniors (6).
- 26 Throw up (4).
- 27 Changes direction (5).
- 28 Looked after (6).

DOWN

- 1 Discharge (4).
- 2 Stuff (4).
- 3 Rodents (4).
- 4 Ousts (6).
- 5 Fragile (7).
- 6 Began (7).
- 7 Nowhere (4).
- 10 Rescued (6).
- 13 Brave (7).
- 14 Braggart (7).
- 15 Portrays (7).
- 17 Finished (5).
- 19 Depure (6).
- 21 Resistant (4).
- 22 Acquainted (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Furrow, 4. Grand, 7. System, 8. Fleet, 10. Lotus, 11. Relates, 12. Rabbit, 13. Sent, 17. Ever, 19. Deter, 20. Resides, 21. Dram, 22. Asses, 23. Trouble, 24. Close, 25. Achaea, 26. Dwyer, 27. Fustler, 28. Resists, 29. Open, 30. Released, 31. Nickel, 32. Codes, 33. Mariner, 34. Blue, 35. Vermin, 36. Stampede, 37. Yeast, 38. Prod.

Settlement THREAT TO TAKE DISPUTE TO UNITED NATIONS

New York, Dec. 18. Saudi Arabia today threatened to take her dispute with Britain over the Buraimi Oasis to the United Nations Security Council if there was no "immediate" settlement.

Mr Abdel Rahman Azzam, former Secretary-General of the Arab League and now a member of the Saudi Arabian delegation at the United Nations, gave this warning at a press conference.

He told United Nations correspondents that Saudi Arabia was, however, ready "for arbitration or for any international decision."

Saudi Arabia and the British protected Sultanate of Muscat and Oman both claim the oasis on the Persian Gulf believed to be rich in oil deposits.

The Sultan's camel-mounted troops rode into Nizwa, capital of Oman, four days ago to re-establish his rule there after, the Sultan said, the defeat of a conspiracy of "disaffected sheikhs" aided by "foreign gold, arms and propaganda."

An attempt at international arbitration in Geneva broke down last September after the British member of the five-judge panel, Sir Reader Bullard, resigned on the grounds that the Saudi Arabian member had

Missionaries In India Reassured

New Delhi, Dec. 19. Indian President Rajendra Prasad assured foreign missionaries yesterday that the Indian Government has "no intention of curtailing their freedom."

Speaking at a meeting here marking the 100th anniversary of the arrival of St Thomas in India, Mr Prasad said the government intervened in religious matters only "when and if it suspects missionaries of deviating from the correct path."

He said that Christian missionaries, Indian as well as foreign, were "welcome to preach the message of Christ in this country."

"I can give an assurance to all inhabitants of this country that we do not look for conformity of faith," he said.

"What we expect is loyalty to the country, and not to any dogma or faith. As long as a citizen is loyal to his country he has nothing to fear from the government or any other, non-official, agency,"—United Press.

Protestant Women Happily Married

London, Dec. 19. Protestant women are generally more happily married than those of other religions, and only six per cent of British wives consider themselves badly treated, a British psychiatrist said today.

Dr Eustace Chessor, who claimed last month that his forthcoming two-year survey of the sex life of 6,000 British women would out-Kinsey Dr Alfred Kinsey, published his findings today.

And he said that by and large, British women have nothing to complain about.

More than 6,000 women of all classes aged between 18 and 60 contributed anonymously to Dr Chessor's survey. The 200,000-word work is as long as four average novels and will be published in book form next year.

Some Findings

Some of Dr Chessor's findings: Seventy-one per cent of married women said they were either "very happy" or "exceptionally happy."

Except for a minority of six per cent who said they were "frankly unhappy," the rest are "fairly happy."

Non-conformists are more happy than any other religious denomination—or so 81 per cent of them said.

Other percentages of happily married women: Church of England (Anglican) 72, Catholic 71, other religions 70. A happy childhood promises a happy marriage.

Thirty-eight per cent of married women had sexual relations with a man before marriage.

Twenty-seven per cent of single women admitted similar relationships.—United Press.

Ike's Cold War Assistant Resigns

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 19. Mr Nelson A. Rockefeller resigned today as President Eisenhower's personal assistant on cold war psychological strategy.

He received from the President "my warm thanks for your devoted services."

Mr Rockefeller resigned for what he called "compelling personal responsibilities." He had discussed his resignation with Mr Eisenhower as early as last summer.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said Mr Rockefeller felt compelled to turn his attention to the Rockefeller family affairs which he had had to neglect since joining the Eisenhower Administration as Under-Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The resignation is effective on December 31.

The President also received a foreign policy report from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today and discussed atomic energy and East-West relations with Chairman J. Robert Oppenheimer, Director of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Common Foreign Policy Suggested

Bonn, Dec. 19. THE rightwing Free Democrats reported today they had suggested that all three West German government parties back a common foreign policy in a move to patch up their coalition quarrel with the Christian Democrats of Dr Konrad Adenauer.

Differences between the two parties arose after Dr Thomas Dehler, Free Democrat leader, suggested that West Germany should negotiate with Russia for German reunification and that the Paris treaties binding West Germany to the West might be amended.

The Free Democrats in a draft published in their newsletter today suggested frequent coalition talks to hammer out a common foreign policy.

Proposal

Dr Adenauer, the Chancellor, had demanded that the Free Democrats should promise to back coalition foreign policy unconditionally until the 1957 elections.

The Free Democrat draft, considered by coalition parties at talks on December 13 also proposes that no coalition party should introduce a bill without prior discussion of all three.

If such discussion brought no agreement then each party including the small right German Party should have the right to act individually.

The new coalition talks are planned for January 10 when the Free Democratic parliamentary group also meets to elect its officers.

Party sources have said that Dr Adenauer's tactics up to now have been directed towards discrediting Dr Dehler, who has been attacked by some sections of his own party in the hope that he may not be re-elected as chairman of the group.—Reuter.

Canberra, Dec. 19. Australian Prime Minister Mr Robert Menzies announced here that an Australian battalion will be transferred from Penang island to the mainland of Malaya at the end of December.—France-Press.



Eisenhower Will Seek Greater Powers

By Scott Rankine

Washington, Dec. 19.

Officials here today said that the Eisenhower Administration would next year seek greater authority from Congress to adapt its expanded programmes for military and economic aid to the geographical shifts of the cold war for several years to come.

By this means the Administration hopes to get more value for each dollar of the thousands of millions of still unspent foreign aid funds and the 5,000 million of new funds which Congress will be asked to authorise next year.

Owing to the complexity of extremely expensive modern weapons and industrial equipment, years must elapse between the time that estimates are prepared on the basis of which Congress authorises expenditure and the time that the equipment can be delivered.

Difficulties

During that period the area of crisis to be defended or supported against Soviet attack or penetration may have shifted from one side of the world to the other.

The present United States aid has, therefore, to be treated as the content of a continuous pipeline.

This has created serious political difficulties in persuading Congress to authorise foreign aid expenditures years in advance.

Greater Emphasis

But Administration officials are optimistic that they will be able to persuade Congress to co-operate in removing some of the present restrictions on how and in what area funds should be spent for several years to come, because of the growing alarm here at the entry of the Soviet Union into the foreign aid field.

For the next 12 months it is expected that greater emphasis will be laid upon aid to the Middle East to counter the current Soviet drive there.

But by the time the Administration's new \$5,000 million programme has been translated into actual goods and equipment, some time in the late 1956, the focus of the cold war may have changed completely, requiring special attention to Southeast Asia, the Far East or some other part of the world.

Incapable

For similar reasons the new foreign aid programme will not affect the Eisenhower Administration hopes of balancing the Budget by June 1956, and keeping it balanced for 1956-57, if this Administration is still in power since some of the new funds will be spent before June 1956 and very little by June 1957.

The fact is that "annual" budgets are ceasing to have any meaning for defence and foreign aid expenditures because the unit of operation of such expenditure is incapable of description in terms of a 12-month period.—China Mail Special.

Tribal Chief Censors Film

Estcourt, Natal, Dec. 19. The tribal chief at Mankweng, Swaziland, has "censored" a film of a local fight, known as the Ceremony of the First Fruit, because some of the shots displeased him.

The film was taken by a missionary, Miss Jean Scott, the only European woman ever to see the ceremony.

Miss Scott agreed to sue the Swaziland Government for £500,000 for the film to be shown in the United States and Canada.

Queen Meets Students

Queen Elizabeth last Tuesday visited the British Council's Student Hostel in London's Knightsbridge district. The visit was in connection with the 21st anniversary of the Council. Assembled to greet the Queen were 350 British colonial students from this and the Council's two other London hostels. Shown chatting with Her Majesty were left, 22-year-old Flanlay Williams of Lagos, and Miss R. Sekoni of Ibadan, Nigeria.—Express Photo.

Blood Purifier Deaths In France

Ministry Must Share Blame

Paris, Dec. 19. A POLICE medical report charged today that the Health Ministry must share some blame for the manufacture of a "blood purifier" that was allegedly responsible for 102 deaths throughout France.

Prof. Jean Lebrun of the Police toxicology laboratory charged in a 378-page report that the Health Ministry should never have issued a licence for the manufacture of "Stallion, a blood purifier."

And he charged gross negligence by two men who manufactured the "purifier," Georges Fouillet and Leon Decoudy go on trial next February for manslaughter and violation of pharmaceutical regulations.

Mothers Died

Three young mothers died within a few days of each other in a hospital at Nîmes in April, 1954 after taking Stallion pills.

In the next two months, Stallion allegedly killed 99 other persons, and made another 1,000 ill. French justice has been moving since to establish the responsibility.

The medical report charged that several documents were missing from the application for the manufacture of Stallion and that it never underwent tests before going on the market.

The reports charged the Stallion was dangerous to health and the making of the pills varied from batch to batch.—United Press.

Tug Rescues Ice-Bound Crew

Stockholm, Dec. 18. The 14-man crew of the British freighter Judith Mary were rescued by a tug today after a two-day wait in sub-zero weather aboard their ice-bound ship.

The 330-ton Judith Mary was one of some 25 ships which have been trapped in the ice in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland since an early-season freeze hit that area last week.

Meanwhile, several Swedish and Finnish ice-breakers attempted to cut a path to five other freighters which are ice-bound near the ports of Lulea and Umea in Sweden.

The latest reports said that one of the ships, the Swedish freighter Ribersborg had been freed from the ice-pack and was awaiting a tug which would tow it to free water.

Seven other ships took refuge in the Swedish ports of Skelleftehamn and Pitea where they must now remain all the ice thaws in spring.—France-Press.

40 Cambodian Rebels Killed

Phnompenh, Dec. 19. The Royal Cambodian Army today claimed that it has killed 40 rebels and taken 32 prisoners in 27 clashes throughout the country since November 27.

The army announcement also stated that six rebel camps had been destroyed and that mopping-up operations were in progress in two-thirds of the territory occupied by the rebels.—France-Press.

Jordan Officers Visit Bagdad

Bagdad, Dec. 19. Seven Jordanian staff officers arrived here today for a ten-day tour of Iraqi military installations at the invitation of the Iraqi army command.—Reuter.

McCarthy After Zwicker Again

Washington, Dec. 19. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy prodded the Justice Department today for action against an old foe, Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker.

Sen. McCarthy contends that Brig. Zwicker, a decorated hero of World War II, may have committed perjury in testimony before the Senate Investigation Sub-Committee.

Sen. McCarthy made public a letter to Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Jr. saying that further delay in deciding whether there is a perjury case against Brig. Zwicker "will arouse suspicion and cause the Department to postpone official consideration to interfere with the administration of justice."

Became Issue

He said the sub-committee submitted Brig. Zwicker's testimony to the Justice Department on April 19 for a preliminary investigation. "The Justice Department," he said, "has not yet taken any action on the matter."

Brig. Zwicker, who served in the Army during World War II, was a decorated hero of World War II, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

When A Dead Man Earns £165,000 A Year

By JOHN BARBER

DON'T be fooled by that Moscow "Hamlet." Don't gloat because the first English actors ever to visit Red Russia were cheered.

It was Shakespeare they paid to see. It's only another sign of the Boom in the Bard.

This year, Shakespeare has become really BIG business. That is bad for Shakespeare, and bad for the theatre at large.

Too many actors are tied up in the present Bard Boom. Recently, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, John Gielgud, Katharine Hepburn, and a dozen more, Result: New dramatists are starved.

Too many plays in the vast field of English drama are snubbed because the Bard did not write them. Result: the Old Vic (almost our national theatre) stages Shakespeare and no one else.

All wrong. And the worst sufferer is Shakespeare himself. The money pours in—but no one has yet exploited it.

How that money does pour in. Only now can we tot up the 1955 Shakespeare revenue. For now is the last of the most prosperous season in the history of the Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-upon-Avon.

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DOWN there, star actor and director Anthony Quayle says: "This season's gross takings are £165,000 an advance of £18,000 on 1954."

"More than a million people tried to buy seats, but only 370,000 got in to see the plays. For every customer who did, we had to turn three away."

For seven months, Stratford suppressed all advertising. The place simply could not cope with more customers.

Stratford-upon-Avon is a great success—financially. I said nothing about it artistically. Stratford has created no style of Shakespeare production. It merely fishes in the waters of the West End. It does not create stars: it buys them.

Magnificent and spectacular shows, costing £9,000 a time, are devised by the latest fashionable brains brought down from London.

There is no "Stratford school" of acting. The verse-speaking is often disgraceful.

Look now to London, the world capital of Shakespeare, with the Old Vic Theatre as his permanent home. It is entirely separate and independent from Stratford. The Old Vic success began with the appointment three years ago of Alfred Francis, a business man from Liverpool.

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DIG, talkative, soldierly Francis refers airily to the Bard as "Shakers," and says he knows nothing of art.

But there is an Old Vic style, stark, nifty, vigorous.

Above all, the Vic makes its own stars. It trains them in a school at Bristol, and in John Neville has developed a young man who can not only act, but also write plays.

The financial picture is more drab. The Old Vic relies on a Government subsidy of £25,000 a year.

It cannot spend more than £3,000 on a production, or more than £45 a week for any actor. Artists like Claire Bloom and Virginia McKenna drift away.

The theatre itself (I quote the Arts Council) is "meanly sited, obsolete, inconvenient."

The wardrobe is in Covent Garden, the stores at Hampstead. The theatre has not enough seat (1,010) to be economic, and is so restricted backstage it can house only one full-scale production at a time.

Here then are the two big rivals in the Bard Boom.

STRATFORD: splendid, star-grabbing, but style-less. **THE OLD VIC:** inventive, a personality, but living on charity.

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I PUT forward a plan. These two great theatres should pool their resources and work as one integrated whole. Consider who would benefit:

• **Both theatres.** Stratford would share its wealth and its far superior ideas of showmanship—its cunning devices for making the Bard fun even for Americans from the backwoods. The Old Vic would contribute vigour, authenticity.

• **The audiences.** Productions at the two theatres could inter-travel and reach two different publics.

• **The actors.** The combine could tempt them away from films and TV with big two-theatre contracts—and double the number of parts.

The Old Vic pooh-poohs my plan. Says Francis: "We can manage in our own way, thank you. We've got things right here at last. A combine would be of no advantage."

Now for a surprise. I expected Stratford to sit snug on its heap of gold and snub me. Not at all. Stratford is interested. There you will find people who say: "In the last 25 years, 120 theatres have closed. Six touring Shakespeare companies have disappeared. So where are we to find new actors? How are they to train? How can we tempt them from films?"

The answer is to meet this crisis with organisation. Bright, new actors could be offered training, long contracts, and the finest roles on the stage. Its shows, with pooled workshops and brains, would be more economic, more efficient, more varied.

Money would flow freely. Soon the Old Vic could rebuild its theatre and become self-supporting.

In the words of Shakespeare himself: "Combine your hearts in one, your realms in one. With smiling plenty, and fair prosperous days..."



"Before I was reformed, if anyone had told me I'd be on this game for Christmas I'd have nicked his car off." — London Express Service

IKE ACTS... TO BLOCK THESE ATTACKS ON HIS MANY MILLIONAIRES...

THIS DESPATCH TODAY from Washington will cause surprise to many people who do not appreciate the enormous personal wealth controlled by the top officers in President Eisenhower's Government. This big money has now become a matter of big political momentum. The Battle of the Millionaires is on....

by SEFTON DELMER

WASHINGTON has startled and shaken me most since my arrival here among the Government palaces and pressure lobbies of Washington? It is the slap that President Eisenhower, newly back at his desk, has delivered in the faces of his "dollar-a-year men."

These are the little band of wealthy patriot business men who are making a present of their services to the United States Government, refusing to accept in return anything more than a token salary of a dollar a year. The presidential wallop takes the form of an order: "Business men serving without compensation shall abide by the same high standards of ethical conduct which are demanded of all Government officials."

Shrewd

AND the order then goes on to issue a whole series of regulations intended to ensure that dollar-a-year men serving with the Government's Defence Department shall not abuse their position to secure financial advantages for themselves or for the firms with which they are connected.

I will confess it is the last thing expected from Eisenhower.

For here is the leader of the world's wealthiest Cabinet loudly proclaiming an order with the almost Marxist imputation that: (1) Rich men are more liable to temptation than the ordinary salaried civil servants; (2) That as a class they must be reminded of their ethical obligations to the community and forcibly restrained from fraud.

But the fact is that the order represents a shrewd political move by the President to anticipate and disarm the Democratic

Party's coming election propaganda. He believes—quite correctly—that the Democrats mean to exploit the suspicion attaching to some of the contracts advised on by the Government's dollar-a-year men.

Prejudice

A CASE in point is the much-publicised role of dollar-a-year man Adolphe Wenzel as Government consultant on an electric power contract while he was connected with the corporation which was arranging its financing.

The Democrats are intent to paint the Republicans as a party of corrupt and selfish plutocrats imposing their own narrow economic interests on the country.

Eisenhower's Cabinet itself the Democrats mean to denounce on a class warfare basis as a Cabinet of millionaires.

The prejudice of America's vast mass of comfortably off proletarian voters, they hope, will be aroused to such a pitch that Eisenhower's millionaires will have to go.

Loaded

IT is a useful enough line. For there is no disputing that the Eisenhower Cabinet is loaded with millionaires. Of the 14 Cabinet and Service Ministers—they call them Secretaries here—no fewer than seven were millionaires when Eisenhower made up his original team.

Even today Eisenhower is still left with four millionaires in his Cabinet, after one little bother and another caused him to lose: (1) Millionaire Overta Culp, Hobby, from the Health and Education Office (the misadventure with the Galk and polio vaccine); (2) Millionaire Air Secretary Harold Talbot (trouble over contracts); and (3) Textile millionaire Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens (McCarthy trouble).

Among the ten sub-millionaires remaining, there are

several near-millionaires. Lawyer Foster Dulles, the 67-year-old Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Lawyer Herbert Brownell, 51-year-old Attorney-General, are both very wealthy men who had been drawing fat incomes from their New York law firms before they resigned from them to serve under Eisenhower.

The wealthiest, and industrially the most powerful of the four millionaires Eisenhower still has around him today, is 69-year-old CHARLES E. WILSON. As Secretary of Defence it is his job to decide on how vast sums are to be spent on equipping not only the American forces but arming some of their allies as well.

Wilson started as an electrician at a salary of 18 cents an hour.

In 1949 as head of General Motors, he was declared to be the highest paid company boss in the United States with a salary of \$60,000 dollars (£200,000) a year.

And this cosy income was further supplemented by rich dividends from his ample investments.

Steel man

NEXT comes GEORGE M. HUMPHREY, 65-year-old Secretary of the Treasury. As the industrialist head of M. A. Hanna and Company, steel manufacturers, and other enterprises, he has built up a fortune running into many millions of dollars.

Before entering the Government he had an income of \$300,000 dollars (£107,000) a year. Now like Wilson he is just getting his official salary of \$22,500 dollars (£9,000) a year. "Peanuts" in the parlance of his Wall Street friends.

Fifty-six-year-old ARTHUR E. SUMMERS, the Postmaster-General, is the salesman among Ike's millionaires. He started selling things the moment he left school at the age of 13.

By 25 he was a successful real estate dealer. Then he took on selling oil and later still motor cars. He too is worth considerably more than a million dollars.

Sixty-two-year-old RUSSELL WELLS, who leads the Committee on Governmental Organization, is also in the Eisenhower Cabinet.

had wealthy parents to give him a cushioned start in life. His family were big bankers in Boston. Wells developed the family business, added other interests. Before entering the Cabinet he was counted among the most influential industrialists in the U.S.

If anyone feels a spleen against rich men in the Government, Ike's team gives him plenty of opportunity to exercise it. Nor is the President himself any longer the poor, middle-class colonel he was when he first went to London during the war. He has made good money from his war memoirs.

Now does this galaxy of wealth around Eisenhower give the Democrats any right to protest? As I see it, only in the eyes of those who don't mind hearing a pot calling the kettle black.

For just look at Averell Harriman, the suave and elegant New York Governor whom the city's Democratic boss DeSaple is doing his best to nominate as Democratic candidate for the election.

From mother

HARRIMAN has at least a hundred million dollars. He got them from his mother. For her biography in the American "Who's Who" Mrs Harriman herself penned a revealing note: "Sole heir upon death of husband to estate appraised at about 100 million dollars of which she is manager."

She managed them well. And when you've done with looking at the smiling Harriman look at the Democratic Cabinets which preceded Eisenhower's. They were not without their sprinkling of millionaires.

In Truman's team of 22 men there were six millionaires. Of 21 men appointed by Roosevelt

as Cabinet officers, seven were millionaires.

The truth, of course, is that in American political life there are millionaires everywhere. On the left, on the right, and in the centre.

Is this a bad thing? The Democrats apparently think that it is. The general public too suspect it. They fear millionaires use their wealth to attain office and then their office to produce more wealth—for themselves.

It is to meet this suspicion that Eisenhower has issued that face-slap order to his dollar-a-year men.

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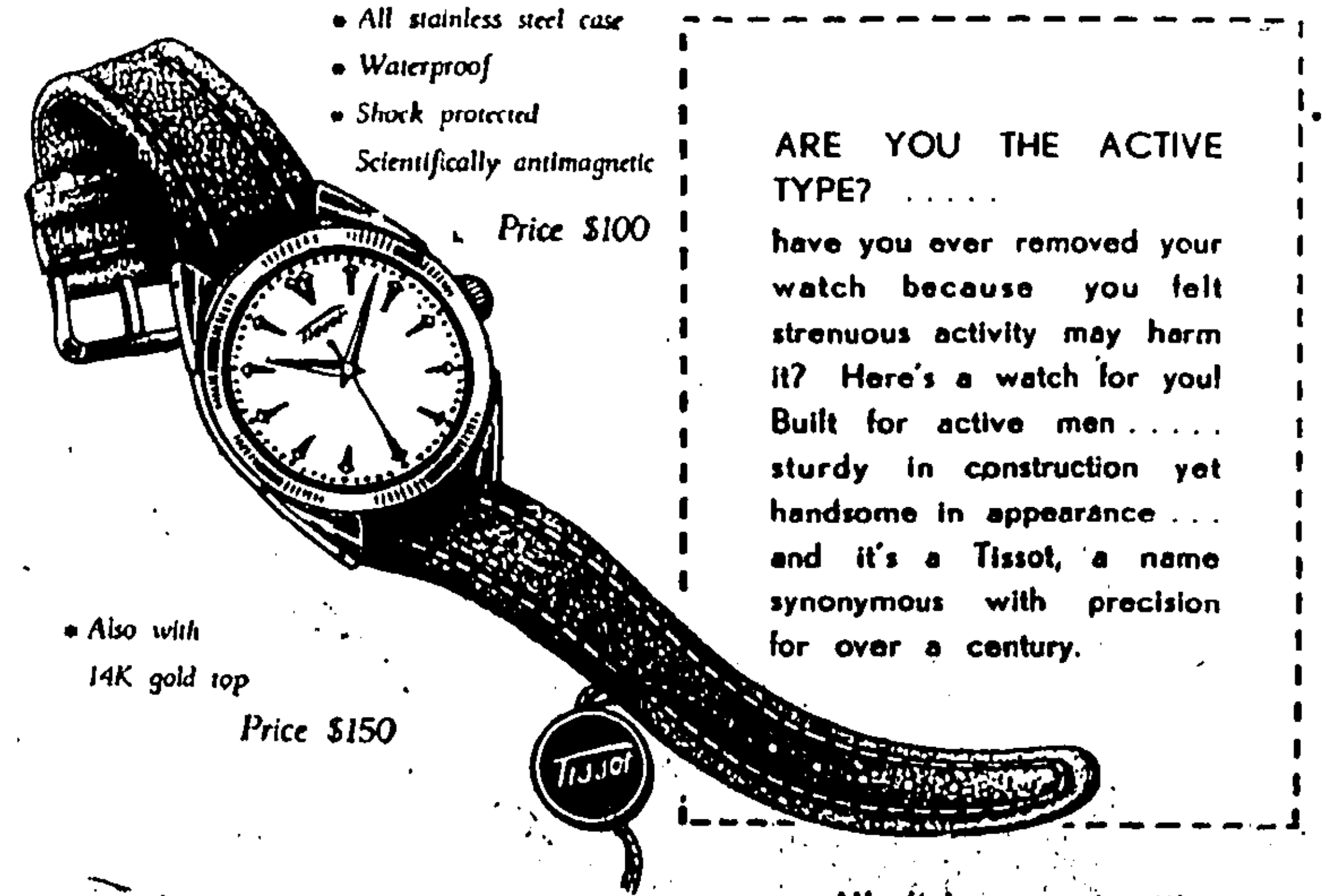
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht is convinced that there will be no more wars.

He said yesterday: "Each bomb exploded by one country is a powerful deterrent that a more powerful bomb has to be exploded by another country. As larger and larger areas of the earth become radio-active, all destruction required can be produced by mere explosion and there will be no more wars."

I let you into a secret

THE picture of a man hanging upside down on a gallows, 1945, above the ground in order to be a gift to another country.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Draw Trump To Protect Suit

By OSWALD JACOBY

MANY readers of this column asked me to write something about the word "trump". What does it mean? Well, it means to draw trump. How can you draw trump? Well, you can draw trump by drawing a trump card.

The question cannot be asked in advance of the game. It is a question of the game itself. It is a question of the game itself.

Let's begin with a "baby" hand. Some players might go wrong with it, but the chances are that all of my readers should play it correctly.

You reach the correct contract of four spades with the South hand and West opens the seven of clubs. How do you plan to play the hand?

Your first step is to count your possible losers. You count seven in the black suits, but note that you may lose one

NORTH 17	
♠ 10 8 2	
♥ K Q J	
♦ 7 3	
♣ A Q J 9 8	
WEST	
♠ 7 4 3	
♥ 10 8 5 2	
♦ A 8 6 4	
♣ 7	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A K Q J 6	
♥ 7 4	
♦ K 5	
♣ K 10 3	
North-South vul	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass	
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass	
Opening lead—♣ 7	

heart and two diamonds. You can afford to lose these. You have a trump suit, and you cannot quite afford to spread your cards out on the table and claim your contract.

If you're not careful, West will manage to ruff a club. To prevent him from doing so, you must draw West's trumps before you do anything else.

Can you afford to draw four rounds of trump? Yes, you expect to win at least five spade tricks and five clubs no matter what else happens.

Therefore you take the ten of spades, followed by three more top spades, thus drawing all of West's trumps. This leaves you with one trump still in your hand.

Now you run the rest of the clubs, discarding two diamonds from your hand. This permits you to avoid the loss of a diamond trick. You now knock out the ace of hearts and claim 12 tricks.

The principle of this very simple hand is that you draw trumps to safeguard your long side suit. Your object is to prevent the opponents from winning any ruffing tricks.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 NT Pass 2
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 9 8 7 4 3 2 ♣ K 10 5 4 Q 7 2
What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. This will get you to game unless North is ashamed of his opening bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 9 8 7 4 3 2 ♣ K 10 5 4 Q 7 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

shows" as Mr James Bone would say in my Christmas pantomime there is a breath-taking scene in which a wicked baron on a tight-rope balances a seal on his head and keeps nine plates in the air.

Produce: It is a well-nigh impossible.

Myself: It is well-nigh impossible.

Produce: How is it done?

Myself: The tightrope is 12 ft broad the broadest tightrope in Europe.

Back to the music-halls

NOTHING, not even the pleasing but in foreign affairs, can stop the House of Commons talking about sausages. The Minister of Agriculture was complimented the other day for "trying to rid the country of suspicion." That phraseology of the Food Standards Committee looking at a sausage has been distinct among the public. It is a phraseology which should be photographed and put on a signpost at the entrance of a sausage shop, and certainly not producing an unfortunate result with the public. It should be put on a signpost at the entrance of a sausage shop, and certainly not producing an unfortunate result with the public.

Le Hach

An article on how to become a famous chef, and the easiest and most profitable way. Dress up in chef's uniform, white hat and all, and get yourself photographed with a plate of food. You will be a famous chef. It is a simple matter. It is a simple matter.

CROSSWORD

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1. Place for variety. (5, 6)

2. How far the sea. (10, 11)

3. Jack Cade organized them. (10)

4. The prophet who a withered staff. (8)

5. "My" and "I" was father. (10)

6. They play extensively in 4. (10)

7. Admiration's exclamation. (3)

8. They have a connection with your hair. (5)

9. It is the smallest county. (7)

10. They are used by foot-hose people. (5)

11. Chat house thing. (9)

12. Down is on this lip. (5)

13. One hundred before the tree. (11)

14. If the northwest of Orona. (11)

15. Old one might be a tall infantant. (11)

16. Shopping ones are often made up on Fridays. (10)

17. It is a bird. (10)

18. Smiles. (10)

19. These clothes are plain, but certainly not uniform. (10)

20. Follow the. (10)

21. Check. (10)

22. It is a bird. (10)

23. It is a bird. (10)

24. It is a bird. (10)

25. It is a bird. (10)

26. It is a bird. (10)

27. It is a bird. (10)

28. It is a bird. (10)

29. It is a bird. (10)

30. It is a bird. (10)

31. It is a bird. (10)

32. It is a bird. (10)

33. It is a bird. (10)

34. It is a bird. (10)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Tribute To Bob Pape

Sir,—As an impartial spectator, being purely a walker, will you allow me to stimulate the enthusiasm of those present, and the regret of not being there of those absent, regarding the truly marvellous performance on Sunday of R.H. Pape in winning the 10-Mile Road Race in 50 mins. 33.3 secs.

The sixth man in the Empire Games Six Miles race of 1954, running on a beautiful clear level track, would have taken 50 mins. 23 secs. to have run 10 miles had he continued—which he certainly would not—at the same rate of speed. The first man, the great Driver, would have taken 48 mins. 48 secs. on the same impossible assumption.

Taking Zatopek's world records for 10,000 Metres and 20,000 Metres and pronouncing the difference of 10,000 metres, 6,093.5 metres, and adding this to his time for 10,000 Metres—a very reasonable means of comparison—his (Zatopek's) time for 10,093.5 metres (10 Miles) on a clear level track is 47 minutes 30 seconds as against Pape's 50 minutes 33.3 seconds on a far harder course.

A last comparison: the best time for 10 Miles of Alfred Shrubbs, one of the greatest distance runners of all time, was 50 minutes 40.6 seconds, again run on a clear level track.

When it is realised that Pape had to surmount four times a steep hump 80 feet high and four times dodge a ghastly traffic tangle at Kowloon City bus terminus, it will be seen that his performance is with the best performances at any time anywhere.

Nor was it Burch's performance, though nearly five minutes behind Pape's, less than magnificent. Peter West, whose record he beat by 50 seconds, ranks close to world class: he was 18th in a field of 200 when Peters made the present Marathon world record, running less than 20 seconds to the mile behind Peters.

And the times of the next five runners—Chun Kim-hung, who was seventh, returned 58 minutes 11 seconds—were also first class.

In athletics, Hongkong has certainly put itself on the international map by Sunday's performances.

G.S. KENNEDY-SKIPTON

(The fastest performance ever for 10 Miles is Emil Zatopek's 48 minutes 12.9 seconds at Stara Bolelava, Czechoslovakia, on September 29, 1951. Bob Pape's performance on Sunday certainly ranks as one of the fastest 10 miles in history and is, for example, more than a minute faster than Jan Barnard's South African record set at Boksburg in January, 1955, of 49 mins. 45 secs. and an Australian record, Barnard's, a noted distance runner, Laurence, essentially a St. Miller.

The Finnish record, held by Viljo Heino, is 49 minutes 22.2 seconds. The 10 Miles on track or road is, however, seldom run outside the British Empire and only the really great Continental stars have tried it.

One has to agree with Mr. Kennedy-Skipton that the course was a tough one. There is some doubt that the original 10-Mile course surveyed by Capt. Norman Phillips was being followed and there is a school of thought that road races make for faster times than track races, largely because of the lack of necessity for continually running wide of stragglers to lap them.

Zatopek's fastest ever race, it is sometimes pointed out, was in the Sao Paulo (Brazil) New Year's Eve Road Race two or three years ago.

The fact that Bob Pape beat a record held by such a great runner as Peter West by nearly five minutes is impressive, but West did not really graduate into near world class till a few months after he had left Hongkong.

Probably the greatest authority in Hongkong on the whole question of whether the course was a very hard one or whether road races make for faster times than track races is Bob Pape himself and his views on the matter would be very interesting.—Sports Ed.)

AN ERROR

Fourth man home in the 10-Mile Road Race on Sunday was Au Chung-ching, not last year's winner, Chun 1200-yin, who finished 12th. The numbers of the two were entered wrongly in the recorder's sheet. Au Chung-ching's performance—under 50 minutes—is probably the fastest ever by a Chinese for the distance. He holds the distinction of being an outstanding long distance runner as well as an outstanding distance runner.

WEIGH-IN FOR TITLE FIGHT



Dai Dower, the holder, and Jake Tull, of South Africa shake hands after the weigh-in for their fight for the British Empire Flyweight Championship at Harringay on December 7. Dower in his comeback fight won on points over 15 rounds.—Central Press Photo.

GRAND NATIONAL PREPARATION

Birch And Gorse To Make Aintree Obstacles Are Hard To Come By

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 19.

While the people of Britain are this week searching the highways and byways for their Christmas holly (they have got to cross the English Channel to find the mistletoe), a squad of experts are touring the country in lorries looking for good birch and gorse for building up the fences for the Grand National, the world's greatest steeplechase.

Though the renewal of this famous chase will not take place until March, birch and gorse of the right type to make the Aintree obstacles the toughest and best possible are hard to come by. Mrs. Mirabel Topham, the "Queen of Aintree," is therefore already busy searching for it.

While she is getting the course ready the equines which will have the doubtful privilege of contesting this tough four and a half miles chase are themselves showing signs of their well being, including the evergreen Irish Lizard, the English horse with the Irish name.

GALLANT CHASER

Now a venerable 13-year-old this gallant chaser, who hardly knows what it is to fall, will probably contest his sixth Grand National next March. Twice he has finished third. Last year he completed the course again but was only 12th.

His age is against him but Lord Sefton's gelding has already won over part of the Aintree course this season and there are less unlikely things than that he should gain the reward of his noble efforts, especially if the going is soft.

Many and formidable will be his rivals, not only from Britain but from Eire, the land of the steeplechaser. Indeed the Irish will be bidding for their fourth consecutive Grand National victory. There may also be some challengers from France this time.

There is good news for National Hunt trainers this week. Newmarket, the headquarters of the flat, is to have one of the finest training grounds for jumpers in the country.

The Jockey Club have constructed a training ground circular in shape and nearly two miles in length on the land where chasing meetings used to be held during the last century.

Hurdles and fences have been erected to suit both novice hurdlers and fences and experienced jumpers.

The headquarters of the flat is indeed bidding to become the headquarters of the chase. It may well be overlooked that in just over 30 years six Grand National winners have been conditioned at Newmarket, the last being Golden Miller in 1934.

Though the National Hunt season starts in July it does not get properly started until November, and it is now at

AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD XI TO PLAY FOR ROYAL NAVY AND MARINES THIS SEASON

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Without ever hoping to match the professional strength of the Army and the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Football Association have got together an exceptionally good eleven this season. All amateurs, of course, only four of last season's players survive, but they have been unbeaten so far this season.

They are not so strong as they might be in defence, hence the 5-5 draw with a mediocre Football Association side at Portsmouth, but they have found a good goalkeeper in Stevens, who is on Gillingham's books, and they have an excellent attack led by Irish International Pat Hasty.

Two upstanding inside-forwards, Coates and North, and a tricky winger in Osborne are in this dangerous forward line. Coates is the son of former Amateur International Rigger Coates. Then in the halfback line there is another England player in Dennis Dennis Cutbush.

Oddly for an high-scoring ten-goal match was that the FA equalised five times and were never more than one goal in arrears. Three times the levelling goal was scored by Albert Biggs, Hounslow Town's centre-forward and twice by Mike Stewart, the Surrey County professional cricketer who plays for Corinthian-Casuals.

It, however, was a disappointing FA team even if it did contain seven English Amateur Internationals. Only two of them are currently being considered for the England team—Dexter Adams (Hendon) and Pat Neil (Portsmouth)—and one felt that there was an opportunity of getting the probable Olympic team together and giving them some match practice.

TIME OFF

The explanation of the FA official in charge of the party was that the leading players could not find it convenient to take time off. Yet one of the FA players, outside-right Frank McKenna, came from far-off North Shields, and right-half Eddie Harper, son of the old Arsenal, Plymouth and Scottish International goalkeeper, travelled up from North Devon. As the majority of the present England eleven are drawn from the London area the excuse is pretty thin.

The Secretary of the Navy FA, Commander Ernie Becham, told me that a new Hampshire FA rule stipulates that a player is barred from appearing for the county unless he is playing for a club inside the County FA's jurisdiction. Or by birth qualification, of course.

Thus an Irishman, Pat Hasty, is eligible to play for Hampshire because he is on the books of a naval unit playing in the Portsmouth League, but Hampshire is denied the services of an old stalwart, International Dennis Cutbush because he is playing for Salisbury. Salisbury are no longer a Hampshire County League side, but a Western League club, and the

change means that Cutbush is out of the County eleven. Seems silly to me.

Horses for courses may be an axiom which runs true on the Turf, but is a phrase of little use in the world of Soccer, football form being what it is. Nevertheless, horses for courses recurs with amazing frequency when Aston Villa play Tottenham Hotspur. Six times have the sides met at Villa Park since the last War, six times different elevens have faced each other, and six times have Spurs won away from home.

To add to this curious record, Villa have never won at White Hart Lane since League football was resumed. They have just two draws to their credit (7) in six games. No matter how badly Spurs are faring the results are the same. There has not been a worse Spurs' side than the present one for years, but still they were victorious at Villa Park.

TRADITION

It is sad to see a club with the tradition that is Aston's doing so poorly. Even Dave Hickson, £22,000 centre-forward-bought from Everton, scored only one goal in 12 matches with them and stayed but seven weeks. When I was there for the Spurs' match manager Eric Houghton was away hoping to spend some of the thousands he got for Hickson on a famous inside-forward. I understand he was looking at

International Jackie Sewell, of Sheffield Wednesday, record transfer holder at £34,000.

Yet there is still hope for Villa. This season they started a sixth eleven of local youths. They have been pitted against business houses' sides much older than themselves, and they have won eight of their nine games, with the other one a goalless draw. Their goal average is impressive, to say the least—77 for and five against. They are all under seventeen years of age, and two of their number are sons of former players—Jimmy Easson and Arthur Cobley.

What a handicap "foreigners" play under in English football. Recently John Charles was forced to play a "friendly" floodlight match for his club, Leeds United, 48 hours before he was due to appear in Glasgow for Wales in a "key" international against Scotland. Home Internationals are excused a week's play before representing England.

After the Villa-Spurs match centre-half Con Martin had to dash from the field, catch a train to Liverpool, then the night boat to Dublin and play the same afternoon for Eire against Spain. His train picked up his teammates Farrell, Eglington and O'Neill (all of Everton) at Wolverhampton.

Four others converged on Dublin after Saturday's Football League matches, yet Eire drew 2-2.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Japanese Skiers Aim To Bring Home Gold, Silver And Bronze Medals

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Japan's ten-strong team for the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina, Italy next month are aiming high. They have trained their sights on at least two Gold Medals in the slalom skiing, and hope to take home Silver and Bronze Medals in the men's 500 and 1,500 Metres speed skating events.

Chief hopes centre on 24-year-old Chiharu Igaya, who earned a five-star rating as a skier while a student in the United States.

Igaya competed successfully in the All-American Inter-College Ski Championships in New Hampshire this year, and is used to top class opposition. He represented his country at the 1952 Games in Oslo, and is the sole member of the Japanese team with previous Olympic experience.

But dark-horse of the team is 24-year-old Koichi Sato, who won the All-Japan amateur skiing Championships this year.

He will compete in the downhill and jumping events.

Japan's Amateur Athletic Association say the number of athletes they hoped to send to the Games has been cut by more than half because of lack of funds. They had originally planned to send an ice hockey team and two figure skaters, but the Government allowance of 4,250,000 Yen (about £4,250) made this virtually impossible.

Football Pools

The officials added however, that money from football pools and donations by various sporting organisations had made it possible for Japan to enter all the men's skiing and speed skating events.

The speed skating team has been training under Coach Kuno Nando in Japan's Northern-most island, Hokkaido, since November and is expected to leave for Italy on January 8. The team is Kyotaka Takabayashi, Shinkichi Takemura, Yoshitake Hori, Yoshiyasu Gomi and Takaji Asakura.

Two observers will travel with the skaters—Asakura Hasegawa, Japan's figure skating champion, and Kenichi Konishi, Chairman of Japan's Amateur Ice Hockey Association—New-

youngsters have the potential but lack the experience. Lindwall is more optimistic and says Australia should be able to select a strong team from the material offered.

Lord Willoughby de Broke is the new senior steward of the Jockey Club. He takes over from the Duke of Norfolk who has completed his term of office. The other stewards are Lord Howard de Walden and the Earl of Sefton.—London Express Service.

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NAV BHARAT WIN

The Nav Bharat team lowered the colours of the Kuala Lumpur Technical College hockey team by winning by two goals to one at Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Bhagat Singh, the Nav Bharat player, scored both goals. The other scorers were: Bala, the Nav Bharat corner, and the Nav Bharat moving winger.

Dai Dower Promises To Appear For Local Promoters In Wales

Dai Dower, who retained his Empire Flyweight title by outpointing Jake Tull at Harringay on December 6, has promised to appear for local promoters in Wales. In the meantime, Jack Solomons is again trying to persuade World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez of Argentina to defend his title against Dower.

Gordon Wallace, the Canadian who knocked out Randolph Turpin, is challenging Pat McAteer for his Empire Middleweight title. McAteer is at present recovering from a broken hand. Meanwhile Wallace says he is ready to fight any British Middleweight.

Peter Waterman, just 21, and therefore eligible under British Boxing Board rules for a crack at the British Welterweight Championship, will meet Wally Thom for the title at Harringay on February 7. Waterman, described as one of Britain's best young boxers, was told the news by Jack Solomons at his 21st birthday party in London, last week.

Dai Rees, Britain's Ryder Cup captain, with two other members of the team beaten in the United States, Ken Boulton and John Jacobs, have been co-opted as members of the Professional Golfers' Association tournament committee. This committee will be responsible for all matters concerning tournament organization next year.

NEW FACES

Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller topped the selection of new faces for the Australian cricket tour of England next summer.—Sports Illustrated.

Ice Hockey Results

London, Dec. 19.

Harringay Racers the London Ice Hockey team were beaten 4-1 by the Czechoslovak national side in Brno today, Prague Radio reported.

Moscow, Dec. 19.

Russia's "B" team beat Switzerland's national side by nine goals to nil in an ice hockey match here tonight, according to Tass, the Soviet News Agency.

The match at the Dynamo Stadium, was the second between the two countries.—Tass.

FESTIVE CROWDS

The big Christmas chases at meetings all over the country which will draw large and festive crowds, should shed some light on the two chief races in March, first the Cheltenham Gold Cup and then the Grand National.

Hitherto the three hostile elements, fog, snow and frost, have done little to interfere with the jumping game but these must now be expected. Trainers are therefore getting their charges into the peak of condition so as to be able to give them an easy period before the big back-end prizes should the weather necessitate it.

Snow and a white Christmas would delight the hearts of the youngsters but the chasing enthusiasts are hoping that nothing will prevent their Christmas racing and the renewal of the valuable King George VI steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, December 27. This might bring a nice Christmas gift to the Royal Family for the Queen Mother's promising chaser, Devon Loch, is among the probable starters.—China Mail Special.

The monies envisaged from these two sources should do much to stop the decline spoken of by the Duke of Norfolk. It may help the swing to go the other way. Nothing succeeds like success and the extra money could lead almost to a boom. Indeed the tote could prove a highly acceptable Christmas snowball.—China Mail Special.

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Egyptian Women Tearing Down Last Veils Of Prejudice

Cairo, Dec. 19.

Egyptian women are tearing down the last
veils of prejudice and sex-discrimination which
kept them from taking an active part in the
public life of their country.

The silk veil which they used to wear across
the lower part of their face has completely
disappeared in the towns and cities, and is now
rarely seen even in backward areas. But many
veils pinned up by age-old custom still exist—
foremost among them the denial to women of a
direct voice in the Government of the nation.

Women, for example, still
have no voting rights, although
almost every day local news-
papers report a new conquest
by feminists in their struggle
for equal rights.

The latest has been their ad-
mission, for the first time, to
the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

'Skirt Invasion'

A recent Government decree
which won headlines in the
Egyptian Press, ruled that
women could be employed as
clerks, typists, stenographers,
translators, interpreters, and
other similar jobs.

This Ministry was one of the
last to hold out against what it
called "the skirt invasion."

The comment of feminist
leaders was: "This is a fairly
modest victory, but it is the
first step to gaining an entry to
the diplomatic service. That
will be a major victory."

Another recent success was
the decision of the Egyptian
Post Office Department to em-
ploy girls to sell stamps to the
public in tight dresses, and
not in the "skirt invasion" as
the department ordered.

The General Labour Syndicate
and several Social Welfare or-
ganizations have also admitted
women to responsible positions.

Soon, the suffragettes hope to
register one of their biggest
successes in seven years, of
striving for a new deal, Cairo's
venerable Al-Azhar, the Moslem
world's most important Univer-
sity, is seriously considering the
possibility of throwing open its
massive wood, iron and brass
doors to women.

Dress Smartly

The women, according to
reliable information, have a
good chance of getting in
during 1956. Hitherto the Univer-
sity has always been a male-
dominated stronghold, where
women were forbidden to en-
ter.

The emancipation of Egyptian
women, in common with those
of other Arab countries, can
really be seen, however, in the
thousands of girls now em-
ployed in government de-
partments, offices, shops and
factories. They are pretty, usually
better-read than earlier genera-
tions, and dress smartly in
Western clothes.

The first break with the cus-
toms which imposed more or
less idle seclusion in Moslem
women came during World War
II, when girls began to work in
offices, factories and Allied
military installations in or near
the cities and towns of Egypt.

But it was not until 1948 that
an organized attempt was made
to obtain a useful place in
society for Egyptian women.

In that year, Doria Shafik, a
handsome energetic graduate in
Philosophy, founded the
"Daughters of the Nile" associa-
tion—the Arab World's first
feminist movement.

First Campaign

But they were denied the
vote. Then, in March 1954, a
group led by the "Campaigning
Cleopatra" as Doria Shafik is
popularly called in Egypt,
staged a hunger strike to sup-
port their demands for voting
rights.

For eight days, they lay in
bed at their homes, refusing to
touch food or water. The
Government capitulated. The
Prime Minister, Colonel Gamal
Abdel Nasser, promised that the
new Constitution which will be
drafted early in 1956 will give
women equal rights with men
in all fields of public life, in-
cluding Parliament.

They will be able, too, to
stand for election, as well as
vote.

The "Daughters of the Nile"
are already making plans for the
time when women will sit in
Parliament.

Their first campaign will be
against polygamy, which is per-
mitted by Islamic law and is
still practised among rich
Egyptians and poorer-streets
(falabien) (peasants) who balance
the expense of an extra wife or
two against the extra amount of
work contributed on the farm.

Doria Shafik and her follow-
ers have waged an unending war
on polygamy. Last May, when
new elections and a new Con-
stitution were in the air, Mrs
Shafik issued an appeal to
Moslem women in which she
said: "Never vote for polygamy."
(She was referring to the
time when women will have the
vote.) Give your vote to men
who have one wife, who un-
derstand the dignity of Woman
and regard her as a free human
being. Thus, Parliament will
eventually abolish that supreme
injustice to Woman—polygamy.

Concerted Action

A prominent feminist ex-
plained: "Only by such concert-
ed action can we force a large
conservative element in the
country to realize that the
woman's place is no longer the
barn and her only important
job the mothering of children,
preferably boys."

"Those days are over, even
though some people in this part
of the world pretend to think
otherwise," China Mail Special.

La Prensa Owner Returns Home



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Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand,
Ceylon, Noon.
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Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa & Europe, 6 p.m.
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many, Great Britain, Noon.
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Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
Seychelles, Br. East Africa, 11
a.m.
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Japan, 3 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
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East Africa & S. Africa, 11 a.m.
Korea, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Burma, India, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
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bique, P/P via Beira, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 4 p.m.
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5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Surrounded by friends and
supporters, Dr Alberto Gaiña
Paz, centre, proprietor of the
newspaper La Prensa, is pic-
tured on his recent return to
the Argentine capital follow-
ing four and one-half years of
exile. He went into exile
after the Peron regime expro-
priated La Prensa and handed
it over to the Confederation
of Workers. Now the new
government intends giving
the paper back to Dr Paz.
Express Photo.

MAYOR KILLED IN AMBUSCADE

Manila, Dec. 20.
Cavite Province, the hotbed
of outlawry in southern Luzon,
was the scene of another am-
buscade yesterday morning re-
sulting in the death of the Mayor
of Magallanes town, Mr. Bene-
dicto Espinosa and the wound-
ing of five of his companions.

Espinosa, who belonged to the
opposition Liberal Party, was
on his way home from a wed-
ding in a jeep when he and his
companions were ambushed by
unidentified men. — France-
Presse.

Minister Pleads For Railway OPEN UP NORTHLAND

Ottawa, Dec. 19.

The most striking new trend in Canadian
post-war thinking is an intense preoccupation, at
the top level, with Northern developments. At
first this was primarily concerned with military
matters but now it is economic as well.

A remarkable instance of this
occurred at the end of Novem-
ber when the Royal Commission
on Canada's Economic Prospects
met at Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr R. Gordon Robertson, who
is both deputy Minister of
Northern Affairs and National
Resources and Commissioner for
the Northwest Territories, pre-
sented a carefully documented
brief urging the construction of
a railway from the present "end
of steel" at Grimshaw, Alberta,
to the Great Slave Lake in the
Northern Territories, at a cost
of between 50,000,000 dollars
and 55,000,000 dollars (about
£17,000,000 to £19,000,000).

Also Roads

Mr Robertson insisted through-
out that he was speaking in his
capacity of Commissioner of the
Territories and not as deputy
Minister of National Resources.
He based his plea primarily on
the national economic advantage
to Canada, and only secondarily
upon considerations of national
defence, backing up the Distant
Early Warning and Mid-Canada
radar lines.

But, in addition to the rail-
way, Mr Robertson called for
construction of roads into pro-
mising resource development
areas of the North, plus a policy
of supplying the newly con-
structed defence stations in the
Territories by commercial air
services and the "establishment
of a network of scheduled com-
mercial airlines in the Arctic."

The key project, however, is
the proposal to construct 400
miles of railway from the
famous Peace River farming
district of Northern Alberta to
Pine Point on Great Slave Lake,
where the world's greatest
known lead-zinc ore body
awaits tapping.

Pine Point Mines Ltd., con-
trolled by Consolidated Mining
and Smelting, are prepared to
start production at the rate of

1,000 tons a day, provided that
the railway is built. They would
increase this to 3,000 tons with-
in a year or two, with 10,000
tons a day as the ultimate pro-
duction goal.

Since 2,000 tons of ore would
provide 450 tons of concentrates
for shipment daily, Mr Robert-
son estimates that about 45 per
cent of the railway's freight re-
quirements would be satisfied,
provided that the Government
carries the cost of constructing
it.

In Excess

The Northern Alberta Rail-
ways, already operating from
Edmonton to the Peace River
district, are jointly owned by
the Canadian National and
Canadian Pacific Railways.

Because the cost of extending
the line 400 miles North would
be excessive in relation to the
immediate return in freight
charges, the proposal is for the
Federal Government to con-
struct the line from Grimshaw
to Pine Point and turn it over
to Northern Alberta Railways
for operation, free of interest
charges.

Mr Robertson offered the
figure of 25,000,000 dollars as
a conservative estimate of the
probable annual addition to
Canada's gross national product.
If the lead-zinc mine is brought
into operation.

As for cost to the Govern-
ment, 55,000,000 dollars amorti-
zed at 3 1/2 per cent over 50 years
would amount to 2,340,000
dollars a year. Estimated tax
receipts by the Federal Govern-
ment, however, would be greatly
in excess of that figure.

Revenues of about 3,500,000
dollars per annum from income
tax and royalties are anticipated,
during the first three years,
during which the new mine
would be tax exempt.

However, Mr Robertson was
concerned with Northern
developments far beyond the
servicing of one mine, when he
urged the construction of the
railway to Great Slave Lake.

In unusually rousing language
for a civil servant, he declared:
"A railway to Great Slave Lake
will not be just another rail-
way. It is not a railway to a
lake, or to open a mine, or to
serve a community. It will be
one of the great development
railroads of the country."

Different

"It will not bring population
to the Northwest Territories to
the same extent that Western
railroads brought it to the
Prairies, but it will bring in the
years ahead a comparable in-
crease in the wealth of Canada,
crossed in the wealth of Canada,
crossed in the wealth of Canada."

"This railway is different
from most of the branch lines
constructed in recent years
which were designed to serve
one mine or group of mines."

"Its purpose is to open up a
whole new region. The fact
that there happens to be a
potential mine of great value at
the northern terminus is a piece
of great good fortune, for it will
enable this railroad to be built
without the long wait for reason-
able returns which has so often
been the lot of a pioneer rail-
road," (such as the Hudson Bay
railway).

While Mr Robertson's main
approach was economic, he did
not neglect considerations of
defence which are likely to be
most cogent when Parliament is
asked to pass an opinion upon
the project, which now seems
inevitable since it has such
powerful backing.

"It has, in recent years," he
declared, "become a common-
place that our Arctic frontier is
of vital importance in national
and continental defence. There
is only one route to the central
Arctic coast of North America
which is not along the exposed
sea lanes that stretch along the
edges of our continent."

That one route is by way of
the Mackenzie River... The
railway to Great Slave Lake
would... provide an all-year
access to the uninterrupted
waterway of the Mackenzie
river.

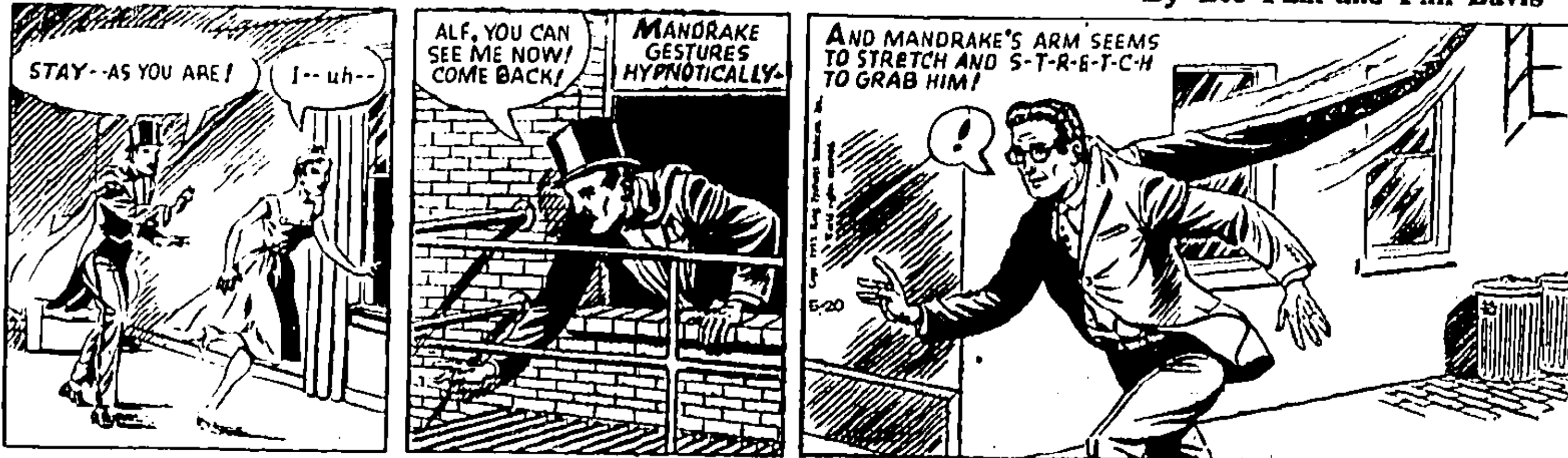
Finally, according to Mr
Robertson: "In the 1970's Canada
was at the point where a
national decision had to be taken,
which determined whether or
not the West would be opened
up and developed."

Enormous Costs

The costs were enormous and
the risks were staggering. The
decision was taken. The
people of the Northwest Terri-
tories believe that we are today
at the point where a national
decision has to be taken
whether or not the West will be
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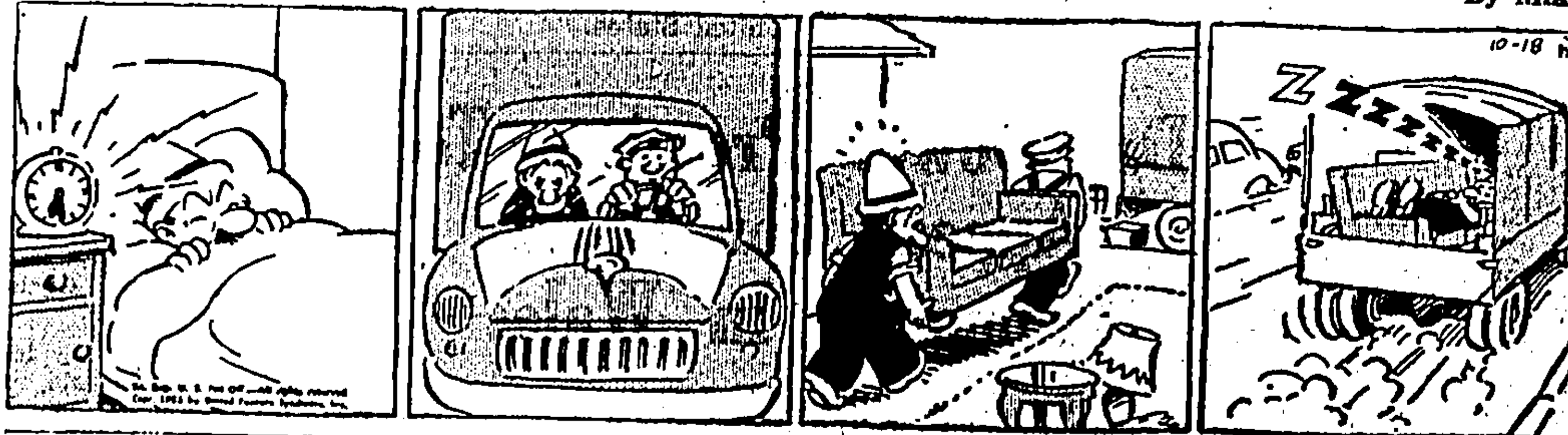
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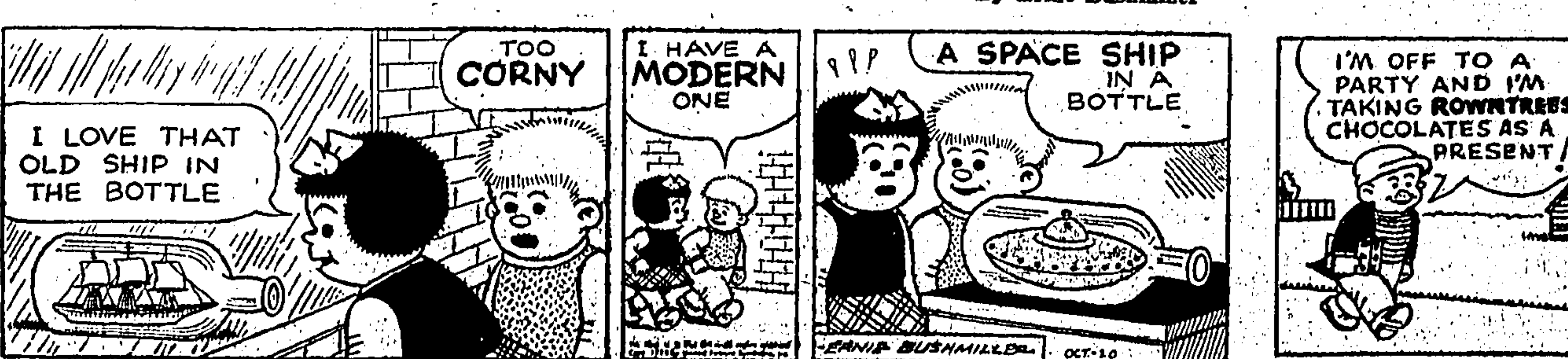
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Planes Take Off For Antarctica

Wellington, Dec. 20.
The first planes ever to fly to Antarctica from an outside land mass took off from Christchurch before dawn today.

They were two American Neutrinos, the first of eight planes to start the flight.

Their destination is McMurdo Sound in Antarctica where an advance party has cleared an 8,000-foot icefield airstrip.

Along the flight route, eight ships of the American Antarctic expedition are stationed at intervals to guide the aircraft by radio.

The flight was started at dawn to allow extra flying time in daylight in case any of the planes has to turn back.

There will be no light problem at the other end of the 14-hour flight, as there is now continuous daylight in the Antarctic.

At take off time the weather forecast for the whole trip was good.

The flight is part of "Operation Deep Freeze," America's contribution to the international geophysical year of Antarctica exploration and research.

TOTAL RAIN

A further 21 inch of rain fell from midnight to noon today, the Royal Observatory reports. This made a total of 80 inch in the last 36 hours.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Morning After

MARION'S pleasure at finding a bench provided in the dock at Bow Street was like that of a woman in a crowded tube, whose delight at finding gallantry still existing, is tempered by the discovery that the man whose seat she has been offered was leaving it anyway.

Marion's relief was tempered by the grocer's instruction, as she dozed on to the narrow bench. "Stand up, please," said the grocer.

"Oh no, I'm tired, I've got to sit," Marion pleaded. "Stand up," the grocer said.

Marion, a woman in her middle thirties, perhaps, hoisted herself up, and listened to the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

I'M TOO WEARY

"DUNK," she tilted, and laughed at the notion "Oh jolly me, no," she said. "A little inebriated, perhaps, but no more." She subsided on to the bench again.

"Stand up, please, there's another charge," the grocer said.

"I'm too weary to stand," said Marion, and kept her seat. "Were you drunk and disorderly on September 15, and do you admit you were bailed to appear here next day, and failed to?"

"I was having a baby," said Marion, with finality.

The magistrate, Mr. Bertman Reece, called for evidence. A young policeman went into the witness box.

VILE WORDS

"THIS woman was staggering and trying to board a bus in Whitehall at 11 o'clock last night," said the policeman. "She was singing very insulting language, and the conductor would not let her on board."

"What sort of insulting language?" asked the magistrate.

"Vile words," the young policeman answered. "But what words?"

"She said so-and-so, so-and-so, to police."

The magistrate wrote down the naughty words. He asked Marion if she had any questions to ask.

I WAS IN NO MOOD

"PAH!" As it happens, I wasn't in a mood for drinking, last night," Marion said.

The policeman stood down. Another took his place, the one who had arrested Marion in September. "It was 11.15 at night," he said, "I was called by a bus conductor, who told me this woman had passed her face stop and refused either to leave the bus or pay the excess fare."

Marion laughed so heartily at the memory of that night, that she fell into a fit of coughing.

ANY COUGH MIXTURE

"HEY," she said to the court in general, "I've kept any cough mixture in this place?" The court in general said nothing.

"What was she called in, when she failed to appear?" asked the magistrate. "No one knew," said Mr. Reece. He asked Marion what she had to say.

"We—er," Marion said, "I wasn't drunk, just merry."

"I find these charges proved," said the magistrate. "Anything known?"

"Nine convictions for drunkenness this year," the grocer said.

"This time," the magistrate said to Marion, "you will pay 10s. on each of the two charges, or go to prison for 14 days."

"Bless my soul, the things you mean say," cried Marion. She was shown out, and her laughter ran up and down the scale as she disappeared into the gloom where solemn-faced men and women awaited their own trial upon much the same charges as these she had found so amusing.

Collapse Of Wall

This Morning's Evidence

A watchman at a demolition operation on a building in Stanton Street told Mr. W. F. Pickering at Central this morning that he noticed an old crack in the rear wall of the building stretching from the roof nearly to the ground.

This evidence was given in the case against an architect and two building contractors, who are summoned for alleged neglect to shore up a wall during the demolition of the building. It is alleged that as a result of this the wall collapsed.

The architect is Steven Siu-lun Yue, who is represented by Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Messrs F. Zimmerman and Company. Wong Yee-chung, one of the contractors, of 5 Bonham Strand East, second floor, is represented by Mr. Peter Mo. The other contractor, Leung Hing, of 41 Marble Street, ground floor, is not legally represented.

WATCHMAN'S JOB

The watchman, Wong Ming, said that he knew Leung Hing, the contractor and was employed by him in March with other coolies to demolish a house in Macdonald Road.

Witness said that during this time he and a number of coolies went to 60 Stanton Street, which was being demolished. His job, he said, was to see that the workmen placed no articles on the road so as to obstruct traffic.

He noticed an old black crack in the rear wall of the building in the kitchen. The crack he said was about 10 feet long, and about half an inch wide. It stretched from the roof of the building to the height of a man on the ground floor.

Witness said that he noticed vertical shoring on the premises before they started to pull the place down, but he never noticed any like shoring on the premises.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Bill will be home for the holidays, don't forget! How are the brakes?"

A Recital Of Much Charm & Beauty

It is good to have that fine violinist and musician, Maurice Clare, among us again. Last night he gave the first of two recitals at Wah Yan College, with Mrs. Marta Zalan as his very able pianist.

Mr. Clare's programme was evenly divided between the well-known and the less familiar. In the latter category was the opening Duo for Piano and Violin by Schubert, not strictly speaking a sonata, but near enough, brimful of melody and animation, sometimes gay, sometimes wistful.

It was followed by Beethoven's famous "Kreutzer Sonata," dedicated to the composer and violinist of that name. This is a remarkable work of technical characteristics, where the two solo instrumental parts almost seem to be competing at times instead of aiming at complete accord. The slow movement is, in contrast to the other two, gently lyrical and serene. Both players had a strong sense of the requirements of this splendid Sonata, which received a very satisfying performance.

VIGOROUS WORK

The first of Delius's three Sonatas for Violin and Piano followed. This is, for Delius, a surprisingly vigorous work, not at all reminiscent of his more amorphous, though always pleasing, compositions of other periods; there is no question of lack of concord here. Mr. Clare and Mrs. Zalan interpreted this emotional and exciting music with sincere understanding. Indeed, the word "understanding" applies to Maurice Clare's whole outlook; his excellent programme notes, too, show that he does not know the works simply as a violin player, but as a musician he is thoroughly at home with every bar, every development and every aspect of form.

The last item was Mendelssohn's Concerto in E minor. The piano arrangement of the orchestral part is Mendelssohn's own, and was very well carried out, but however good, one does miss the orchestra, especially at certain moments when one expects a string or woodwind entry. In this Concerto, the solo violin enters almost immediately, unlike many concertos where there is a long orchestral introduction. Mr. Clare's tone at the opening was breathtakingly sweet, and throughout, this sweetness, which was being demolished, never sugary, like the music itself. Another wonderful passage was the series of light staccato arpeggios at the end of the cadenza in the first movement. Mr. Clare's bowing is a joy to watch too.

INTIMATE PLAYER

Maurice Clare is an intimate player, and one of the secrets of his charm is that he seems to be playing as one listener put it, to a company of friends, not to an anonymous and impersonal audience.

His second concert, on Wednesday, December 21, at the

DEFENCE COUNSEL'S SUBMISSION

Lantao Not Part Of The Queen's Dominions

A submission that the Court had no jurisdiction to try three accused persons on the ground that the places where the offences were alleged to have been committed were outside the jurisdiction of the Colony was made before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The submission was made by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr L. J. d'Almada Remedios, prior to the trial of three men accused of robbery with aggravation and possession of arms and ammunition.

The accused were Fung Yau-tai, 32, hawk; Fung Woon-ho, alias, Fui Tsai, 17, fisherman; and Fung Yung-kan, alias Fung Yiu-ling, 34, unemployed.

All three were charged with robbing Cheung Hung of 700 taels of gold in 120 bars on board a fishing vessel on August 14, 1955. First and second accused were further charged with possession on September 14, 1955, of one mauler pistol, one revolver, two rifles, one shotgun, 285 rounds of rifle ammunition, 14 cartridges, and nine rounds of mauler pistol ammunition without a licence.

Mr Leong appeared for the first accused. Second and third accused were not represented by Counsel.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, Div. Det. Insp. F. Inge-Buckingham was present for the Police.

Members of the Jury who were summoned to the Court were requested to return at 2.30 p.m. today.

POINT OF LAW

Mr Leong told his Lordship that before the Jury was empanelled he had a preliminary point of law to make. It was "the respectful submission of the Defence that this Court has no jurisdiction to try the first accused or for that matter all the accused on both the indictments on the ground that the places where the offences were alleged to have been committed were outside the jurisdiction of this Colony."

Counsel said that the offence concerning the first indictment was alleged to have taken place at a point southwest of Lantao Island at a position Lat. 22 deg. 40' N. and Long. 113 deg. 50' E. This point, said Counsel, was on the south-west tip of Lantao about 200 or 300 yards, he understood, from the shore. He referred the Court to Oppenheim Public International Law 7th edition, page 407, which described three types of territorial holdings.

Mr Leong said that they were concerned only with the third type which was a piece of territory leased or pledged by the owner State to a foreign Power. He invited the Court to look at the next page where Great Britain leased a number of islands in the West Indies to the U.S. for 99 years. This was done, he said, in 1941 during the War when in exchange, Great Britain was to receive 50 destroyers from the U.S. These islands were leased to the US for one purpose only and that was for the use and operation of naval and air bases.

LANTAO'S HISTORY

Counsel next drew the Court's attention to the history of Lantao Island and how it came to be under British control.

This was done, he said, by convention between Queen Victoria and the Emperor of China in 1898 and the convention was signed at Peking on June 9, 1898.

Counsel quoted the preamble of the convention as follows: "Whereas it has for many years past been recognised that an extension of Hong Kong territory is necessary for the proper defence and protection of the Colony..." He said that at this stage he could draw an analogy with Lantao and those islands in the West Indies to which he had referred.

The terms of the two leases, namely the American lease and the Chinese lease, were the same, both for 99 years, he said. After reading further from the convention, Mr Leong said that the convention did not mention what the places were to be leased. It simply said "to be surveyed later."

Counsel next referred his Lordship to volume 2 of Norton-Kyns on the history of Laws in force of Hong Kong and to an answer by Mr. Curzon to Mr. R. G. Webster who asked a

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

A party of naval and military officers, eight in number, on Tuesday night, forced their way into a house in Wellington Street, by breaking down the door. The inmates called out for assistance, and on the police interfering, a European was knocked down, and an Indian cut across the face with a stick. Inspector Jarman managed, however, to secure the whole of the party, and next morning they were held before the Assistant Magistrate, and fined—two of them £5 each—in default, a week's imprisonment, and a third £5; the others were discharged. At home, Hardwick would probably have sent such offenders to Bridewell; but here a Mitchell seems to look on such affairs as mere practical jokes, amply compensated by a fine which the jokers can easily pay—£5 or one week's imprisonment, for breaking into a house, felling one policeman, and cutting open the face of another!

With officers and gentlemen in our Police Court, we suppose a week's imprisonment is the equivalent of a £5 fine, which the Magistrate is pretty certain will be paid, even with the easy alternative of a few days in gaol. But to us, and probably to most of our readers, this was a case in which the punishment ought to have been imprisonment for a month at least, without any alternative; and the next time such a case occurs (it is by no means unprecedented), we shall endeavour to rectify the failure of justice, by publishing the names and designations of the parties concerned.

FOR FIRST TIME

The question and answer in the House of Commons took place on June 14, 1898, five days after the case was signed, said Counsel, so that "for the first time then we knew what was the intention of the parties as to the places which were to be leased."

THE PRAIA

A correspondent discusses at some length the subject of the Praia, and effectually disposes of most of the discordant objections of its opponents, who have at length published in the Registrar an official report of the proceedings at their meeting, differing in several important respects from the previous report by one of their own body. Our correspondent, writing on the 6th, necessarily took it as the groundwork of his remarks, and from what we have heard from persons present at the meeting, it gives the sentiments of some of the leading men actually expressed at the meeting more correctly than the later combed and dressed version, which omits some important points altogether, as if, upon consideration, it had been thought imprudent to urge them just at present.

The meeting appointed a committee of six to frame a Memorial and wait upon the Governor, to state "the opinions of the majority personally interested in the proposed measure." The interview took place on Tuesday, there being present, on the part of the Government, Sir John Bowring, the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General, and the Attorney General; and of the Committee, Messrs. Autubou, Stungs, Pereira and Block, of whom, strange to say, one only was an Englishman, the other three being foreigners, an American, a Portuguese, and a Dane, who came to remonstrate with the Queen's representative on a matter most especially affecting Her Majesty's Imperial rights and privileges.

NOT CONVINCED

We do not learn that any notice was taken of the anomaly at the interview, during which the anti-memorians supported their case with such arguments as pass current among themselves, but which, it seems, did not suffice to convince the Governor, who told the deputations that the Government had determined on having a Praia, though the plan and mode of execution had not been definitely settled, and his Excellency would be glad to receive from them, or from others, any suggestions calculated to facilitate the work; but while he must act for the general benefit of the community, they admittedly represented their own exclusive interests.

TAKEN TO TASK

Last week, on the evening of our publication, we received another letter from Mr. Macdonald, in which he takes us to task for not giving precedence in his communication over other matters, and for declining to become his medium for the publication of calumnious charges, even his personal assurance that "shoulders be broad enough to bear the brunt of the law for libel, and slanders."

Both letters will appear at our convenience—not sooner, unless Mr. Macdonald can get them inserted in some other journal.

Death Of Sir Robert Calder-Marshall

News has been received in the Colony of the death in England last Sunday of Sir Robert Calder-Marshall, K.C., C.B.E., who was Managing Director of Calder-Marshall Co., Ltd., of Shanghai.

Sir Robert, who died at the age of 78, left Shanghai in 1952 after spending 47 years in China.

He was chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai from 1928 to 1945.

Sir Robert was also a director of the British General Electric Company.

Ambassador Here

Mr. E. Krogh-Hansen, Norwegian Ambassador to Peking, arrived yesterday from Karschi and is staying a few days in the Colony before proceeding to Peking.

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